

Claim listing:

1. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, comprising: a first surface; a second surface oriented and facing oppositely to that of said first surface; said first surface includes a plurality of serrations; said second surface includes a bore therein; and, said bore being offset.

2. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of serrations oriented transversely.

3. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of serrations oriented diagonally.

4. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of serrations oriented longitudinally.

5. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of curved serrations.

6. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of serrations is oriented in two angular directions.

7. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 1 in combination with a plurality of protrusions.

8. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 7 wherein said protrusions are pyramid shaped.

9. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 7 wherein said protrusions are convexly-shaped.

10. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis as claimed in claim 8 wherein said serrations are oriented transversely.

11. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis as claimed in claim 9 wherein said serrations are oriented transversely.

12. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 8, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of serrations oriented diagonally.

13. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 9, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of serrations oriented diagonally.

14. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 8, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of serrations oriented longitudinally.

15. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 9, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of serrations oriented longitudinally.

16. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as

claimed in claim 8, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of curved serrations.

17. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 9, wherein said first surface includes a plurality of curved serrations.

18. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 8, wherein said plurality of serrations is oriented in two angular directions.

19. (Original) A tree grip having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, as claimed in claim 9, wherein said plurality of serrations is oriented in two angular directions.

20. (Original) A plurality of tree grips each having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis in combination with a tree stand, each of said tree grips comprising: a first surface; a second surface oriented and facing oppositely to that of said first surface; said first surface includes a plurality of serrations; said second surface includes a bore therein; and, said bore being offset; and, said tree stand comprises: a circumferentially oriented support and a plurality of threaded members oriented radially inwardly with respect to said circumferentially oriented support; said circumferentially oriented support includes respective female threads for interengaging said plurality of threaded members preventing movement of said threaded members relative to said circumferentially oriented support; and, each said threaded members engage said bore in each of said respective tree grips thus restraining outward radial movement of said tree grips.

21. (Original) A plurality of tree grips each having a longitudinal axis and a

transverse axis in combination with a tree stand as claimed in claim 20 wherein said plurality of serrations are oriented transversely.

22. (Original) A plurality of tree grips each having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis in combination with a tree stand as claimed in claim 20 wherein said plurality of serrations are oriented diagonally.

23. (Original) A plurality of tree grips each having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis in combination with a tree stand as claimed in claim 20 wherein said plurality of serrations are oriented longitudinally.

24. (Original) A plurality of tree grips each having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis in combination with a tree stand as claimed in claim 20 wherein said plurality of serrations are curved.

25. (Original) A plurality of tree grips each having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis in combination with a tree stand as claimed in claim 20 wherein said plurality of serrations are multi-angled.

26. (Original) A plurality of tree grips each having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis in combination with a tree stand for use in securing a tree in said stand, each of said tree grips comprising: a first surface; a second surface oriented and facing oppositely to that of said first surface; said first surface includes a plurality of protrusions; said second surface includes a bore therein; and, said bore being offset; and, said tree stand comprises: a circumferentially oriented support and a plurality of threaded members oriented radially inwardly with respect to said circumferentially oriented support; said

circumferentially oriented support includes respective female threads for interengaging said plurality of threaded members preventing movement of said threaded members relative to said circumferentially oriented support; each of said threaded members engage a respective bore in each of said respective tree grips thus restraining outward radial movement of said tree grips; and, said plurality of protrusions substantially engaging the tree to secure it within the stand in a vertical position.

27. (Currently amended) A method for securing a tree in a stand having a circumferential support member, said circumferential support member includes interior threads therein for engaging a plurality of screws, comprising the steps of:

placing a tree in the stand;

positioning at least two tree grips having offset bores therein into engagement with said screws residing in and through said circumferential support member; and,

rotating said screws compressing said grips into the tree.

28. (Original) A method for securing a tree in a stand having a circumferential support member, said circumferential support member includes interior threads therein for engaging a plurality of screws as claimed in claim 27 wherein said tree grips include serrations which engage the tree.

29. (Original) A method for securing a tree as claimed in claim 28 wherein said serrations have a pattern and said pattern is selected from the group of transverse (horizontal), diagonal, longitudinal (vertical), curved, and multi-angled.